

READING & LITERACY

The following Free or Low-Cost Assistive Technology programs, software, website, and apps focus on different forms of Reading and Literacy Support.

ABBYY TextGrabber



Features:

- Using the camera of your device, capture text and translate it using OCR scanning
- Easily extract text from printed books, magazines, newspapers, ads, etc.
- Use iOS and Android accessibility features to listen to your document in a text-to-speech format
- Captured text can be edited and/or copied to another source
- More Information: [ABBYY TextGrabber Website](#)
- Cost: Free with in-app purchases
- Compatibility: iOS Android

Beeline Reader



Features:

- Changes text appearance with a color gradient
- Read PDF files, webpages and convert eBooks to PDF files to be read with this program
- Various color schemes for personalized use
- Focus mode dims the items on the web page that could be distracting around the text
- More Information: [Beeline Reader Website](#)
- Cost: Free iOS app & browser extensions and paid Pro version \$1.99/month
- Compatibility: Chrome & Firefox Extension; iOS; ReadMe!

Bookly



Features:

- Reading tracker application to track your progress with reading books to help make reading a habit

- Motivates you to keep reading with gamification features such as badges and achievements
- More information: [Bookly Website](#)
- Cost: Free and Pro for \$29.99/year
- Compatibility: Android, iOS

Bookshare



Features:

- Large online library of accessible reading materials for people with qualified print disabilities
- Accessible books, textbooks, newspapers and magazine are available
- Individuals with Print Disabilities can sign up for a membership
- Books available for download can be read on DAISY players, with Screen Readers, Refreshable Braille Displays, and other Assistive Technology Programs
- More Information: [Bookshare Website](#)
- Cost: Free for qualified U.S. students and schools, and \$79.99/year for other qualified members
- Compatibility: Online Resource

Capti Voice



Features:

- Convert documents and webpages into text-to-speech
- Upload documents from Dropbox, Google Drive, Clipboard, or Web Browser
- Listen to document immediately or save it to your playlist for future listening
- Adjust speech rate along with the choice of built-in voices; additional voices for purchase
- More Information: [Capti Voice](#)
- Cost: Free and Premium Plan subscription at \$2.99/month
- Compatibility: iOS; Online Resource

Claro PDF Pro



Features

- Listen to your PDFs read aloud using the available voices
- Convert images to fully accessible PDF files that can be spoken, searched, copied, or highlighted
- Change the background color of document and invert the text colors

- Annotate and add notes your document
- More Information: [Claro PDF App](#)
- Cost: \$9.99
- Compatibility: iOS; Android

Claro ScanPen



Features:

- Listen to printed material aloud
- Take pictures of documents and have the app read it aloud
- Compatible with Voiceover
- Multiple languages are available
- More Information: [Claro ScanPen App](#)
- Cost: \$9.99
- Compatibility: iOS; Android

CamScanner



Features:

- Use your camera phone to scan documents, notes, whiteboards, business cards or any other document
- Use the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) feature to convert images to readable text
- Add annotations to your scanned documents
- Sync documents across devices
- More Information: [CamScanner Website](#)
- Cost: Free and Premium version \$4.99/month
- Compatibility: iOS; Android; Online Resource

Dolphin EasyReader



Features:

- Reading app with customizable settings for the reader's preferences

- The app offers magnification, bookmarks, change in font size and color, and text audio
- Works with a variety of file formats: HTML, Text files, DAISY files, Word documents, PDFs, and copied text
- Syncs with Bookshare
- More information: [Dolphin EasyReader](#)
- Cost: Free
- Compatibility: iOS; Android

Go Read



Features:

- Download and listen to your Bookshare books on your Android device
- Read DAISY and EPUB books with voice navigated and text-to-speech
- Connects directly to online libraries, and Bookshare for quick download
- Optimized for visually-impaired readers but usable for anyone
- More Information: [Go Read](#)
- Cost: Free.
- Compatibility: Android

HelperBird



Features

- Reading and writing tool that includes text-to-speech and speech-to-text options
- Customizable styles & colors, high contrast, different fonts, etc.
- Includes features for assistance with color blindness, magnification, an overlay to reduce bright light, and more
- More information: [HelperBird Website](#)
- Cost: Free version and Pro Plan for \$40/yearly
- Compatibility: Chrome Browser Extension

Immersive Reader



Features:

- Reading assistive tool
- Customizable text appearance, including font size/style, background color, line focus, and spacing words into syllables
- Text to speech with adjustable voice speed and selection for having the text read aloud
- More Information: [Immersive Reader](#)
- Cost: Free add-in through Office Suite
- Compatibility: Edge Browser, iOS, Windows

Libby



Features:

- App that contains a library of audiobooks and eBooks
- You will need your local library card to get started
- More information: [Libby Website](#)
- Cost: Free with library card
- Compatibility: iOS, Android, Amazon app, Online Resource

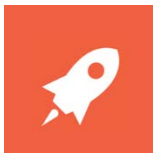
PocketBook Reader



Features:

- Supports a variety of file types and audio formats
- Contains built-in text-to-speech
- Customizable reading appearance settings
- More information: [PocketBook Website](#)
- Cost: Free with in-app purchases
- Compatibility: Android, iOS

Postlight Reader



Features:

- Remove clutter from webpages for easier reading

- Customize the size of the text, the font, and if it's a light or dark themed background
- Send the reading to Kindle for reading on that device
- More Information: [Postlight Reader Website](#)
- Cost: Free
- Compatibility: Chrome, Edge, & Firefox Extension

NaturalReader



Features:

- Text-to-Speech software that can read Microsoft Word, Webpages, PDFs, and Emails aloud
- Choose from a variety of voices and customize your reading speed
- Floating toolbar to read text aloud in other applications through the Chrome Extension
- Compare the Free vs Paid Plans on their [help site](#)
- More Information: [NaturalReader Website](#)
- Cost: Free and \$9.99/month for Premium
- Compatibility: Android; iOS; Online Resource; Chrome Extension

Open Library



Features:

- A collection of ebooks
- Browse by subject, book title, or author
- Ability to create an account
- More Information: [Open Library Website](#)
- Cost: Free
- Compatibility: Online Resource

Prizmo Go



Features:

- OCR scanning tool

- Read text aloud with the built-in text reader
- Translate into a variety of languages
- Copy text
- Free and paid versions: Essential Pack is a one-time purchase of \$15.99, Standard Plan \$9.99/year, and Pro Plan \$19.99 per year. Visit the Pricing section on their [FAQ page](#) for more information on the difference in features.
- More Information: [Prizmo Website](#)
- Cost: Free and in-app purchases
- Compatibility: iOS

ReadMe!



Features:

- Read PDF and ePUB files on your mobile device when you upload them to your bookshelf
- Spritz Reader is integrated into it – a tool for speed reading showing one word at a time to the reader
- Beeline Reader – polychromatic text color reader integrated into pay option of app
- More Information: [ReadMe! Website](#)
- Cost: Free and in-app purchases
- Compatibility: iOS; Android

Rewordify



Features:

- Rewordify replaces higher-level vocabulary with words that are
- easier to understand
- Help build understanding within readings and builds vocabulary
- Difficult words are replaced and highlighted
- Click on the words that were replaced to see the original word in the text
- More Information: [Rewordify Website](#)
- Cost: Free
- Compatibility: Online Resource

Select and Speak- Text to Speech



Features:

- Text to speech Chrome extension
- Can speak in many different languages
- Offers adjustable speech settings
- More information: [Select and Speak Chrome Extension](#)
- Cost: Free
- Compatibility: Chrome Extension

Speechify



Features:

- Have text read out to you in natural-sounding voices
- Upload documents into the application and/or use it to read aloud other websites with the chrome extension
- Have your text read in a variety of languages
- More Information: [Speechify Website](#)
- Cost: Free and in-app purchases
- Compatibility: iOS; Android; Chrome Extension; Online Resource

Spritz



Features:

- Speed reading app that allows for focusing on one word at a time
- Customizable settings to adjust your reading speed
- Spritz highlights one letter in the word in red to help with increase focus and attention
- More Information: [Spritz Website](#)
- Cost: Free
- Compatibility: iOS; Android

SwiftRead



Features:

- Advertised as an app that can increase your reading speed while maintaining comprehension
- Assists with focus, visual tracking, comprehension, and reading at a faster pace
- Ability to read text out loud (available in the pro plan)
- Compatible with webpages, PDF, ePub, or text that you can copy-paste
- More Information: [SwiftRead Website](#)
- Cost: Free and paid Pro plan
- Compatibility: Chrome & Edge Extension

Voice Dream Reader



Features:

- Text-to-speech app to read books with the ability to customize your screen for preferred reading options
- Read by listening to the text, visually or both at the same time
- Supports PDF, Word Docs, EPUB, DAISY, eBooks, Web pages and more with the ability to integrate your Bookshare books or books in Dropbox, Evernote, Pocket, Gutenberg and more
- Includes multiple language options along with various fonts, including Open Dyslexic font, and voices, including the option to purchase additional voices
- Highlight information in the reading and export it to other programs and apps
- More Information: [Voice Dream Reader Website](#)
- Cost: \$79.99/year iOS
- Compatibility: iOS & Mac

VD Scanner



Features:

- Optical character recognition (OCR) scanner app
- Once a document is scanned, in-app text-to-speech is available with adjustable settings

- Exports documents into a PDF or plain text format that works with other apps such as Voice Dream Reader
- More Information: [Voice Dream Scanner Website](#)
- Cost: \$ \$9.99
- Compatibility: iOS

Yuzu eReader



Features:

- Read your Yuzu eBook on the go
- Annotate your readings with highlights, sticky notes, and flags in your textbooks
- Use Yuzu's built-in text to speech
- More Information: [Yuzu Website](#)
- Cost: Free (purchase of book not included)
- Compatibility: iOS; Android